The Diffusion of Strikes:
A Dyadic Analysis of Economic Sectors in the Netherlands, 1995-2007

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Abstract

This study examines to what extent strikes diffuse across sectors, and to what extent diffusion of strikes across sectors can be explained by connections between sectors. For this purpose we examine a unique temporally disaggregated and dyadic database on strikes in the Netherlands in the 1995-2007 period, combined with time-varying and relational variables on Dutch industries. Our study clearly supports the relevance of intersectoral connectivity in understanding when strikes in one sector are followed by strikes in another sector. Flows of labor, indicated by intersectoral occupational mobility, have a significant and positive impact on the temporal sector-to-sector clustering of strikes.

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